

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-6 and 9-10 are pending in this application. Claims 9 and 10 stand allowed. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 3 are amended. Support for the amended claim can be found, at least, on page 13, line 17 to page 14, line 4 of the specification. No new matter is added.

Applicants again thank the Examiner for allowing claims 9 and 10.

The Office Action objects to the specification for a typographical error. The specification has been amended to obviate the objection. Thus, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over JP 06-274084 to Kita et al. ("Kita") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,483,365 to Pu et al. ("Pu") and U.S. Patent No. 4,179,182 to Smith. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 3, as amended, now recite that the holographic recording material sandwiched from both sides by two substrates having an uneven shape. Claims 1 and 3 further recite that the thicknesses of the white-light reconstruction holographic recording layer region and Fourier holographic recording layer region are changed by the step height of the two substrates. Kita, Pu and Smith do not disclose or suggest these features.

Furthermore, the applied references do not disclose the recited thickness of the two holographic recording layer regions. The Office Action, on page 4, lines 14-21, acknowledges that Kita does not disclose the recited thicknesses of the recited layers. Instead the Office Action asserts that based on Pu it would have been obvious to modify Kita. However, Kita discloses that the hologram embossed surfaces 3a and 3b are embossed on the hologram formation layer and covered by the light reflex nature transparent layer 4. Applicants respectfully assert that the recited hologram embossed surface thickness

dimensions are not known in the art, such as Kita and that Pu would not have suggested such a modification to one of ordinary skill in the art.

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 3, and claims 2 and 4-6 depending therefrom, is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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